

MTA's 'Safety's First' Campaign is Reducing Employee Injuries

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(Sept. 18, 2003) Safety is MTA's top priority, both for its employees and its customers.

Similar to the just-announced public outreach campaign, MTA's ongoing "Safety's First" employee safety campaign advocates personal responsibility for preventing workplace accidents.



Sign of the Times> Safety 1st sign stands sentry at Gateway Division 10.

The campaign has proven instrumental in steadily reducing the number of new injuries. In FY 2003, total new Worker's Compensation claims per 100 employees decreased 31 percent from FY 2002 levels, while the number of lost workdays decreased by 14.4 percent.

Public liability and property damage claims also fell sharply in all five service sectors and on Metro Rail lines. Between FY 2002 and FY 2003, total public liability and property damage claims decreased by 18.3 percent.

Similar claims for Metro Rail decreased by 27.6 percent. MTA's total public liability and property damage expenses decreased 46.7 percent, representing a substantial reduction in safety-related costs for MTA.

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